

## Democrats' Initial Session Lasts Two and a Half Hours

Former Gov. Glynn Attacks Republican Party's  
Copyright on Old Glory, and Delegates Have  
"Nothing to Do Until Tomorrow."

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(Sun News Service.)

St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—The Democratic national convention, sitting in the Coliseum for two hours and a half today, heard ex-Gov. Martin H. Glynn, of New York, attack the Republican party's copyright on Old Glory.

The first session of the convention was made just as short as possible. William F. McCombs, the retiring national chairman, offered a funeral oration over the elephant and the Moose. Mr. Glynn attended to the business of keynoting, members of the platform and other committees were named, and adjournment was taken until 11 a. m. tomorrow.

The whole business was frankly and obviously directed from Washington. The session was livelier, however, than any one of the meetings of the Republicans at Chicago.

### Wilson's Only Portrait.

The only picture of a living Democratic statesman, or of any one of recent times, which was in sight was a portrait of the President.

From the skylight in the center of the roof, an expanse of glass put in for the benefit of the moving picture people, the vertical rays of the sun struck cruelly upon many an unprotected head. The national committee is having all of the proceedings of the convention filmed for advertising purposes, so that the plain people would be able to see how the Democrats of the nation look while they are nominating a President.

It was a sweating, steaming, mopping aggregation. Water dripped from thousands of pink faces. St. Louis was living up to its reputation.

The crowd flowed into the hall quietly enough; they were rather slow in coming.

### McCombs Raps for Order.

It was 12:30 p. m. when William F. McCombs, making his final appearance as the head of the Democratic organization,

rapped for order, and asked delegates and audience to sing a verse of "America."

The prayer was made by the Rev. Dr. James W. Lee, presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mr. McCombs began his speech in opening the convention at 12:45 p. m. He enlarged almost exclusively on the issue of Americanism, asserting that the Democratic party had maintained the ideal of true Americanism in spite of constant and vicious attack. He ended his speech by taking the eagle for his party's national emblem.

Mr. Glynn began to talk at 1 p. m. He talked an hour and a half. It was a flag-waving speech all through.

Mr. Glynn, in the St. Louis Coliseum, fared scarcely better than Senator Harding in the Chicago Coliseum. Mr. Glynn was also unfortunate in that a Missouri mule anchored in the alley back of the convention hall, a mule depressed by the heat and annoyed by the crowd tracking back and forth, lifted its voice in powerful lament.

### Glynn Has Opposition.

Mr. Glynn was just then approaching his peroration, working up to a grand climax, which was to be topped with the name of Woodrow Wilson. He had merely started when the mule uttered its melancholy brays, with a catch of the breath and a hee-haw. Everybody in the hall laughed and continued to laugh as the mule kept on braying. The episode simply killed the end of the speech.

Thereafter Sheriff Al Smith, of New York, asked the convention to hear President Wilson's Flag Day proclamation, the chair receiving nominations for the standing committee and attending to two or three other bits of necessary routine. At 2:50 p. m. adjournment was taken until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, when Senator Ollie James, of Kentucky, will take up the gavel as permanent chairman, and call for the report of the committee on platform and the reports of other committees.

## ATTORNEYS IN WRANGLE AT RAE TANZER TRIAL

(By the Sun News Service.)

New York, June 14.—Benjamin Slade, attorney for Rae Tanzer, on trial on a charge of perjury, accused William Rand, Jr., special government prosecutor, of uttering "a deliberate and unqualified falsehood" at the morning session of the trial today. Mr. Rand had said that Mr. Slade was not reading the record accurately. Judge Wolverton rebuked Mr. Slade, who apologized to Mr. Rand.

Rae Tanzer wept for a while when the proprietor of a hotel in Plainfield, N. J., where she says she went with Oliver Osborne, testified to the facts of their stay.

Mr. Osborne said that, unlike Oliver Osborne, he never wore diamonds or carried a cane, and that he smoked

only cigarettes. He said he had not taken a drink since December 12, 1915.

"You swore off because you used to be so drunk that you couldn't do your work, didn't you?" cried Slade.

"Never was drunk in my life," Mr. Osborne retorted. "And I'm not going to answer any more of those insulting questions."

The trial continues tomorrow morning.

### Samuel H. Reeder Dead.

Samuel H. Reeder, life-long resident of Washington, a pioneer member of the District police force, and for many years a business man in this city, died at his old home, Boonesboro, Md., on Tuesday. He was 80 years old and death was due to disease incident to his age. Funeral services will be held at Boonesboro today. Interment will be in Antietam Cemetery.

## 'GOLDEN SILENCE' PLEA OF 'SUFFS'

Thousands of Women and  
Girls Form Lane to St.  
Louis Convention Hall.

(By the Sun News Service.)

St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—A silent plea to the delegates and alternates to the Democratic national convention was made this morning by several thousand advocates of woman suffrage who banked themselves on either side of Locust street, from Twelfth street to Jefferson avenue. Through the long legions of silent women decked in the suffrage colors, the delegates made their way to the Coliseum. Not a word was spoken. Not a delegate was buttonholed, and yet the women are satisfied that their demonstration was one of the most effective ever undertaken.

Long before the noon hour, when the convention was to assemble the women were seen gathering from all directions. They poured into Locust street, all wearing white dresses with yellow sashes, yellow scarves around their hats, and carrying yellow parasols. Under the various State standards they took their assigned places. Some were seated, but most of them stood on the curb for two hours while the sun beamed upon them. For months the arrangements have been going on under the direction of Mrs. Florence Updegraff, of New York, and at 10 o'clock, the hour fixed everything was in readiness for the delegates, alternates, and visitors to the convention.

Roger Sullivan's followers were the first of the Democratic host to parade through the silent appealing lines. Then came the big delegations from Michigan and Pennsylvania, each with its band. After that a long unorganized parade of delegates, and visitors followed.

Several thousand men and women stopped on their way to the Coliseum to view the tableau on the steps of the old Art Museum at Nineteenth and Locust streets.

### BRYAN APPROVES KEYNOTE.

Congratulates Glynn on Efforts at  
Convention Opening.

Convention Hall, St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—William Jennings Bryan is well satisfied with the Democratic "keynote" sounded at the convention today by former Gov. Martin H. Glynn. The peerless leader, with dripping face beaming with approval, hurried to the platform to congratulate Gov. Glynn as soon as the keynote speech was over.

"It was a great speech," he declared enthusiastically, wringing the governor's hand. "They applauded at just the right time. It placed the issue clearly and squarely. Your sentiments on neutrality were just right, and were magnificently expressed."

### Protests Labor Waste.

Sing Sing, N. Y., June 14.—"What I protest against in Sing Sing is the endless waste of labor and opportunity, and any student of this condition, facing the facts, must admit that this waste exists," wrote James M. Carter, State superintendent of prisons, in a letter received by the Mutual Welfare League's educational committee.

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## NUDE WOMAN SWIMS IN NEWPORT HARBOR

Newport, R. I., June 14.—Equally devoid of fear and clothing, some fair society damsel performed a combination Annette Kellerman-Lady Godiva stunt from the second deck of the Fall River liner Priscilla just as dawn was breaking, and Newport society would give a good deal to establish her identity today.

Eye-witnesses of the affair, and there are some who still retain their sight, declare that the young woman, wholly undressed, leaped from the upper deck of the Priscilla, followed by her husband, and that the two disappeared themselves in the waters of Inner Harbor until picked up by the crew in a lifeboat.

### To Probe Cost of Meat.

Syracuse, N. Y., June 14.—An investigation into the increasing cost of meat is

asked for in a petition sent to President Wilson by the New York State Association of United Master Butchers of America. The association at its annual convention here declared the constant increase in price is unwarranted.

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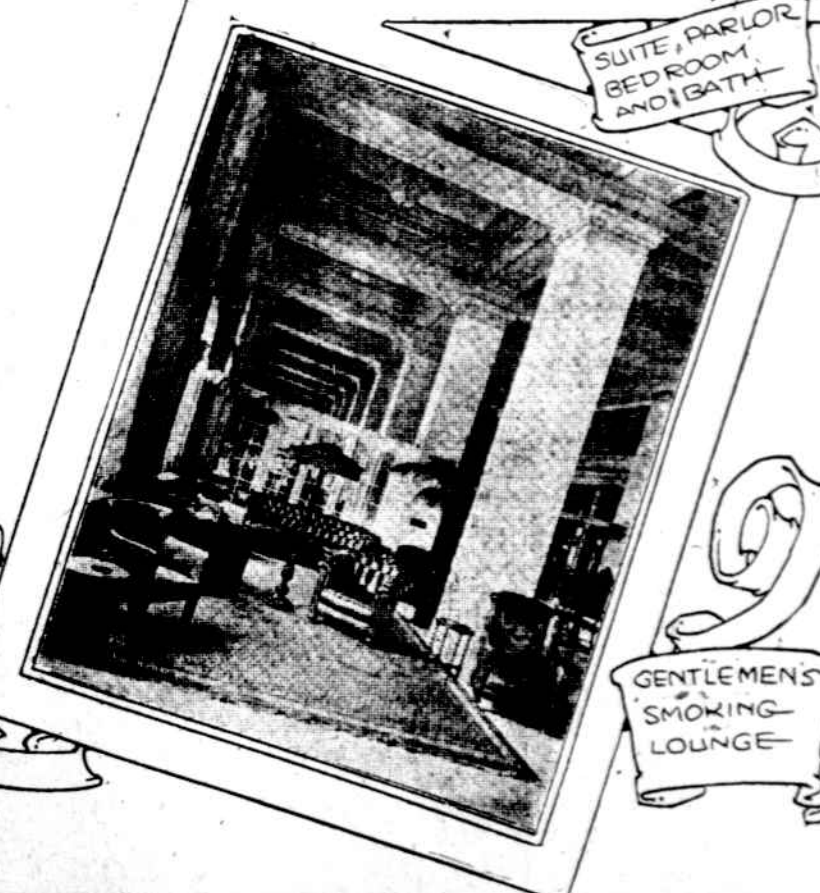
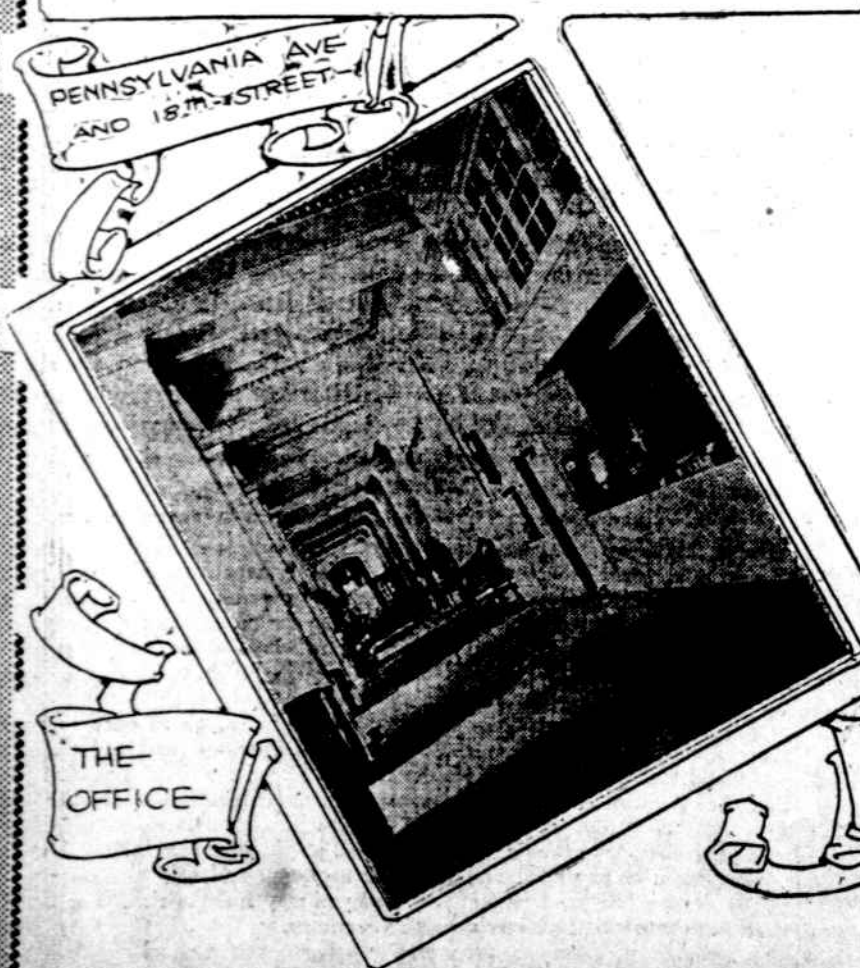
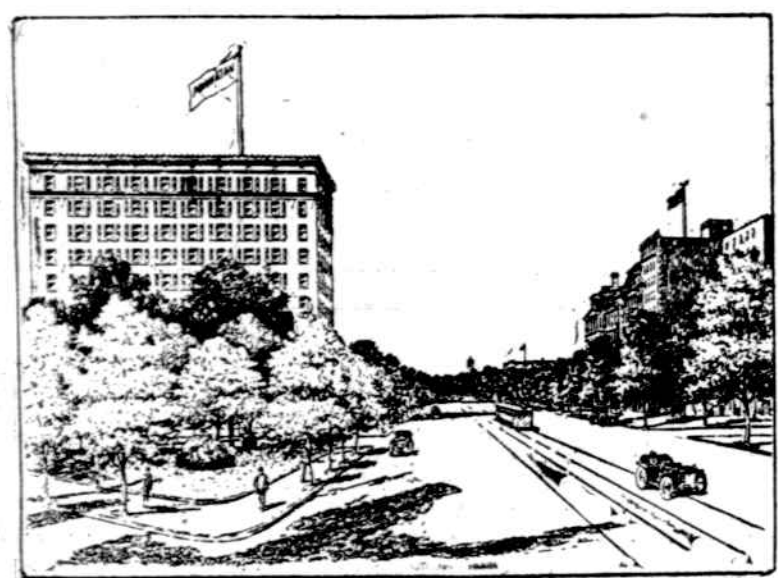
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